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FOLLOW-UP TO THE FOURTH WORLD CONFERENCE ON WOMEN: REVIEW OF MAINSTREAMING IN ORGANIZATIONS OF THE UNITED NATIONS SYSTEM

Violence against women migrant workers

Note by the Secretary-General

1. The General Assembly at its fiftieth session once again considered the issue of violence against women migrant workers and by its resolution 50/168, welcomed the Declaration and Platform for Action of the Fourth World Conference on Women, held at Beijing from 4 to 15 September 1995, 1/ which recognized the vulnerability to violence and other forms of abuse of women migrants. The Assembly, concerned by the continuing reports of grave abuses committed against these women migrant workers, which impair or nullify their enjoyment of their human rights, requested the inter-agency meeting preceding the regular session of the Commission on the Status of Women to consider this problem. The resolution further requested the Secretary-General to convene an expert group meeting with the participation of the Special Rapporteur of the Commission on Human Rights on violence against women, for the preparation of recommendations to foster coordination among the United Nations agencies concerned with the issue of violence against women migrant workers and with a view to developing concrete indicators as a basis for determining the situation of women migrant workers, to be reported to the General Assembly at its fifty-first session.

2. In response to the recommendations of the General Assembly, the Secretary-General will convene an Expert Group Meeting on Violence against Women Migrant Workers, which, following an invitation by the Government of the Philippines,

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will take place in Manila from 27 to 31 May 1996. The Special Rapporteur on violence against women, the United Nations Development Fund for Women and the specialized agencies have been invited to participate. Other arrangements for the meeting are currently under way.

3. In accordance with the terms of the resolution, the Secretary-General has also requested the views and comments of Member States on the various issues raised in the resolution. The conclusions and recommendations of the Expert Group Meeting on Violence against Women Migrant Workers, together with the inputs, comments and suggestions received from Member States, the specialized agencies and other parties concerned in compliance with the resolution, will be included in the preparation of the report, which is due for submission to the General Assembly at its fifty-first session.

Notes

1/ Report of the Fourth World Conference on Women, Beijing, 4-15 September 1995 (A/CONF.177/20), chap. I, resolution 1.